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CLAIMS:

1. A cover for a socket of an electrical outlet, the cover comprising:

5 a substantially planar frame having an opening generally aligned with the socket of the electrical outlet;

a door shiftable between a blocking position generally blocking access to the opening and an open
10 position generally permitting access to the opening;

a locking mechanism operable connected to the door, the locking mechanism movable between a locking position substantially preventing shifting of the door from the blocking position to the open position and an unlocking
15 position permitting shifting of the door from the blocking position to the open position;

an actuator element of the locking mechanism movable in a shifting direction for movement of the locking mechanism from the locking position to the unlocking
20 position, the shifting direction being generally perpendicular to the plane of the frame; and

a translation element of the locking mechanism movable in a translation direction for shifting of the door from the blocking position to the unblocking
25 position, the translation direction being generally parallel to the plane of the frame.

2. A cover for a socket of an electrical outlet in accordance with claim 1, wherein the actuator element of
30 the locking mechanism comprises a locking element engagable with a locking feature of the frame, whereby when the locking element engages the locking feature of the frame shifting of the door from the locking position to the unlocking position is substantially prevented.

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3. A cover for a socket of an electrical outlet in accordance with claim 2, wherein the locking element is biased into engagement with the locking feature by a biasing element.

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4. A cover for a socket of an electrical outlet in accordance with claim 3, wherein the biasing element comprises an arm having an end attached to the door and another end having the locking element attached thereto.

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5. A cover for a socket of an electrical outlet in accordance with claim 4, wherein the arm is integrally formed with the door and the locking element is integrally formed with the arm.

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6. A cover for a socket of an electrical outlet in accordance with claim 5, wherein the locking feature comprises an aperture formed in the frame.

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7. A cover for a socket of an electrical outlet in accordance with claim 6, wherein a spring member biases the door toward the blocking position.

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8. A cover for a socket of an electrical outlet in accordance with claim 7, wherein the spring member has a portion attached to the door and another portion attached to the frame.

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9. A cover for a socket of an electrical outlet in accordance with claim 8, wherein the frame includes side facing away from the electrical outlet and a side facing toward the electrical outer, the frame having a slot positioned between the sides, the translation element accessible through the slot and movable in the

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translation direction to shift the door between the

blocking position and the unblocking position.

10. A cover for a socket of an electrical outlet
in accordance with claim 9, wherein the translation
5 element is attached to the arm.

11. A cover for a socket of an electrical outlet in
accordance with claim 10, wherein the frame comprises an
outer plate facing away from the electrical outlet and a
10 backing plate positionable facing the electrical outlet,
the door being positioned between the outer plate and the
backing plate, the arm having a thicker region proximate
the translation element to substantially prevent movement
of the translation element in the shifting direction and
15 a thinner region proximate the locking element to permit
movement of the locking element in the shifting
direction.

12. A cover for a socket of an electrical outlet in
20 accordance with claim 1, wherein the frame includes two
openings and a separate door is provided for each
opening.

13. A cover for a socket of an electrical outlet,
25 the cover comprising:

a substantially planar frame having at least one
opening generally aligned with the socket of the
electrical outlet;

at least one door shiftable between a blocking
30 position generally blocking access to the opening and an
open position generally permitting access to the opening;

locking means movable between a locking position
substantially preventing shifting of the door from the
blocking position to the open position and an unlocking
35 position permitting shifting of the door from the

blocking position to the open position,

actuator means movable in a shifting direction to move the locking means from the locking position to the unlocking position; and

5 translation means movable in a translation direction to shift the door from the blocking position to the unblocking position.

10 14. A cover for a socket of an electrical outlet, the cover comprising:

a frame having an opening positioned to be alignable with the socket of the electrical outlet;

a door shiftable between a blocking position generally blocking access to the opening and an open
15 position generally permitting access to the opening; and

a locking mechanism operable connected to the door, the locking mechanism movable between a locking position substantially preventing shifting of the door from the blocking position to the open position and an unlocking
20 position permitting shifting of the door from the blocking position to the open position, the movement of the locking mechanism from the locking position to the unlocking position requiring disengagement of a locking element of the locking mechanism from a locking feature
25 while generally simultaneously requiring translation of a translation element operably connected to the door to shift the door from the blocking position to an unblocking position.

30 15. A cover for a socket of an electrical outlet, wherein a spring member is operably connected to the frame and the door to bias the door to the blocking position.

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16. A cover for a socket of an electrical outlet in accordance with claim 14, wherein the frame includes two openings and a separate door is provided for each opening.